

IN THE ABSTRACT:

On page 22, please delete the title which reads "Improved double-metal cyanide catalysts for the preparation of polyether-polyols" and insert therein
--IMPROVED DOUBLE-METAL CYANIDE CATALYSTS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF POLYETHER POLYOLS--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 8.

Please amend Claims 1-7 as follows.

1. (Amended) A [D]~~double-metal cyanide (DMC) catalyst[s] comprising:~~
a) a double metal cyanide compound;
[and]
b) an organic complexing ligand;
and [characterized in that they contain]
c) 2 to 80 wt. % of a polycarbonate, based on the amount of finished catalyst.
2. (Amended) The DMC catalyst[s] according to Claim 1, [characterized in that] in which the double-metal cyanide compound is zinc hexacyanocobaltate(III).
3. (Amended) The DMC catalyst[s] according to Claim 1, [characterized in that] in which the organic complexing ligand is tert-butanol.
4. (Amended) The DMC catalyst[s] according to [Claims] Claim 1 [to 3], [characterized in that they contain] in which from about 5 to 50 wt. % of a polycarbonate is present.
5. (Amended) The DMC catalyst[s] according to [Claims] Claim 1 [to 4], [characterized in that they contain] further comprising an aliphatic polycarbonate[s] having a hydroxyl end group[s] and an average molecular weight[s] below 12,000, as determined by measurement of the OH number, which [are] is obtainable by reacting a polyfunctional aliphatic hydroxyl compound[s] with diaryl carbonate, dialkyl carbonate, a dioxolanone[s], phosgene, a bischlorocarbonic acid ester[s] or urea.

6. (Amended) The DMC catalyst[s] according to [Claims] Claim 1 [to 5], [characterized in that they contain] further comprising an aliphatic polycarbonate-diol[s] with an average molecular weight[s] of 400 to 6000, as determined by measurement of the OH number, which [are] is obtainable by reacting a non-vicinal diol[s] with diaryl carbonate, dialkyl carbonate, a dioxolanone[s], phosgene, a bischlorocarbonic acid ester[s] or urea.

7. (Amended) A process for the preparation of the DMC catalyst[s] according to Claim 1, [characterized in that] comprising the steps of: (a) reacting an excess of at least one metal [salts] salt [in excess are reacted] in aqueous solution with at least one metal cyanide [salts] salt in the presence of the organic complexing ligand and the polycarbonate; [and the catalyst obtained is isolated, washed and then dried] (b) isolating the resultant catalyst; (c) washing the isolated catalyst; and (d) drying the catalyst.

Please add Claim 9.

--9. A process for the production of a polyether polyol comprising reacting an alkylene oxide onto a starter compound containing active hydrogen atoms, in the presence of the double-metal cyanide (DMC) catalyst of Claim 1. --

REMARKS

The title has been changed to make it correspond to that recited on the Assignment and Declaration and Power of Attorney.

Claim 8 has been cancelled and rewritten as new Claim 9 to place it in a form consistent with U.S. practices.

The above amendments to Claims 1-7 serve only to place the claims in proper form by removing multiple dependencies and correcting minor informalities. Support for new Claim 9 can be found in the specification on page 2, lines 6-10; page 9, lines 13-14; and working examples 7, 8 and 10. Working example 7 is found on page 17, lines 1-10, while working example 8 is found on page 17, lines 14-21, and, finally, working example 10 is found on page 18, lines 11-26. A new Abstract page is enclosed

Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added by these amendments.